

NATIONAL RURAL UTILITIES COOPERATIVE FINANCE CORP /DC/  
Form 424B3  
March 13, 2013

Rule 424 (b) (3)  
Registration No. 333-177949

# CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities Offered	Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee(1)(2)
Senior Debt Securities	\$100,000.00	\$13.64

- (1) Calculated in accordance with Rule 457(r) of the Securities Act of 1933.
- (2) The amount in this column has been transmitted to the SEC in connection with the securities offered by means of this pricing supplement.

TRADE DATE: March 12, 2013  
PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 5974 DATED March 12, 2013  
TO PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT DATED November 17, 2011  
AND BASE PROSPECTUS DATED November 14, 2011

## NATIONAL RURAL UTILITES COOPERATIVE FINANCE CORPORATION Medium-Term Notes, Series C Due Nine Months or More from Date of Issue

Principal Amount:	\$100,000.00
Issue Price:	100% of Principal Amount
Original Issue Date:	03/15/2013
Maturity Date:	03/17/2014
Interest Rate:	0.83% per annum
Regular Record Dates:	Each January 1 and July 1
Interest Payment Dates:	Each January 15 and July 15
Redemption Date:	None
Agent's Commission:	None
Form of Note: (Book-Entry or Certificated)	Certificated
Other Terms:	None

Medium-Term Notes, Series C may be issued by the Company in an unlimited aggregate principal amount.